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TRUE RELATION 44

Of the taking of the
City of Chichester by the
Parliaments Forces, under the
Command of Sir William Waller

December 28. 1642.

As also of their severall Treaties, and
on what termes they yeilded; with a
discovery of a powder-plot there.

With the names of the chiefe persons that were
taken Prisoners there.

Sent from the Army.



Decemb. 30. Printed for Robert Dunscomb. 1642.

TRUE RELATION

Of the taking of the

City of Chibola

In the year 1540

by the Spaniards

and the Indians

on what was called the

discovery of gold

With the names of the chief persons who were

taken prisoners there

and sent from the Army.

By the same Author

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Exact Relation of the taking
of *Chichester*, by the Parliaments
Forces, Decemb. 28. 1642.

UPON Tuesday the 20. of this instant *December*, by ten men chose out of every Troope (for a Fortorne hope) we made an onset on the City: A Captaine of theirs came out with three times as many men, and led them on very stoutly, but the Reare of his men ran away: our men met them couragiously, and had two blowes at their Captaines head: they flying, our men pursued them, and tooke some of them: Upon this our Army advanced, and planted their Ordinance against them. Then Sir *William Waller* sent a Messenger to demand the City, they made a reply they would not yeeld, except they might goe all away free with their pillage. Upon this we gave the onset with our Ordinance.

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On Friday following there was a hole beaten thro-
row the Gate, that we could see along the streets,
they strove to stop it, but our Gunner shot a Piece of
Ordinance at them, and (as one told us that came o-
ver the wall) killed sixteene of their men; at night
they filled it up againe with earth: Upon Saturday
night following Sir *William Waller* drew up his men
close to the wall, and gave them an alarme, where-
upon they heard the people in the Towne cry, with a
great cry, arme, arme, arme.

On Sunday, Sir *William* being at a Sermon without
the North gate, at the beginning of the Sermon, a
messenger came and told him that the enemy was is-
suing out of the South-gate: Whereupon our men
tooke horse to meet them, but the enemy fled a-
gainc.

Upon Munday night the enemy sounded for a Par-
ley, and their demand was againe, that they might goe
all away free, but it would not be granted. So they
continued fighting, till Tuesday night, the enemy
shooting peeces of Iron beaten together.

On Tuesday in the Evening, they sounded for an-
other parley, their demand was to have seven men
goe away free, but it would not be granted, where-
upon our men assaulted the Towne extream hot with
great shot for the space of two houres, Then they
sent forth a Trumpeter with Propositions which were
refused, and by the same Trumpeter Sir *William Wal-
ler* sent them Propositions that they should give a
moneths pay to his Souldiers, and yeeld themselves
prisoners, and stand to the sentence of the Parlia-
ment.

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Upon Wednesday morning they did agree to yeeld up the Towne, notwithstanding they had helpe promised, if they could hold out ten dayes longer. Then there were hostages delivered on both sides, and upon the Parley the Malignants agreed to a monethes pay, that so the City might not be plundered. Then about noone the Recorder and the Sheriffe, and sixe more came out of the Towne, and yeelded themselves to be Pledges for the Town, remaining at the Almes-houses some three houres, prisoners, till some of our Forces went into the Town to take order with the rest.

Sir *William Waller* commanded to make Proclamation in the head of every Company, that no Souldier should plunder upon paine of death, but in consideration of their great paines, they should have every one a moneths pay *gratis*. There was in the Towne great store of Souldiers.

It was ordered the chiefe Officers of the Souldiers should be put into a house by themselves, and the other were to be put into a Church: but then when the Souldiers heard that the agreement was that they should not have their Horses and Armes, they mounted upon their Horses and stood on their guard, and got their Cannon ready to cleare the gate of our men, that so their men might goe forth: Upon this our Commanders commanded the Troopes up to every gate of the City, and provided their Cannons ready, and so beat an Alarme: Then they yeelded themselves. So Sir *William Waller* came and fetched away the prisoners from the Almes-houses to the City: they asked Sir *William* whether he would not ride, no said he, I will not ride and you goe afoote, it is very like

they would have bene gallopping, you may imagine whether. They being taken into custody, we entered the City.

By that time we had set our Courts of guard about the City, we were informed of a plot of powder of seven barrells that they had got in a house about the midst of the City, and there laid traines and bags of powder and a match burning ready to give fire as soone as it had taken the traine, that so as it is conceived by the cumbustion and smoake they hoped to have got away, but it was discovered by one of their owne Gunners, being together with one of ours told what they had done, presently our Gunner acquainted the Colonell and Sir *Arthur Haselrig*, they searched and found it so, whereupon they all late up and walked about the guard that night.

On Saturday last the 24. day our Souldiers being in great distresse for victualls, some of them went and tooke from a Malignant party some Sheepe, and driving them toward the Campe met with Sir *Arthur Haselrig*, who asked them where they had them, they said from a Malignant party, they said they did it not for themselves, but for the Campe, who wanted victualls he said it is true, hunger breakes through stone walls, but said he it was against the law of the Land and against the Law of God, the Souldiers answered they would not breake the Lawes of God nor the Lawes of the Land, but rode away and left them.



THE
Names of the chiefe Persons
taken at *Chichester*,
Decemb. 28. 1642.

T' *He Bishop of Chichester.*
Sir William Vallenden.
Collonell Lindsey.
Lieutenant Collonel Porter.
Master Lukener Recorder.
Master Foord High Sheriffe.
Sir William Morley,
Captaine May.
Captaine Wolfe.
Sir Poning Moores two Brothers.
The two Zoaches.
Lord Crayfords Troope of 60. Horse, all
Commanders.

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